

California Class II UIC Program Corrective Action Plan Schedule (March 4)

Dates in Black – Proposed or Confirmed by DOGGR/SWRCB

Dates in Blue – Proposed by US EPA

A. Drinking Water Protection Well Evaluations

- Complete evaluations for "Category 1" injection wells (May 15, 2015)
- Complete evaluations for "Category 2" injection wells (July 31, 2015)
- Complete evaluations for "Category 3" injection wells (Feb. 15, 2016)

B. Aquifer Exemption Process

- Issue Aquifer Exemption Guidance (April 1, 2015)
- Deadline for submission to EPA of all proposed aquifer exemptions for: (1) Category 1 wells injecting into aquifers containing 3,000 mg/L TDS or less; and (2) *any of the 11 aquifers historically treated as exempt* (July 15, 2015)
- Category 1 wells: Target for submission of 90% of proposed aquifer exemptions (Nov. 16, 2015)
- Category 2 wells: Target for submission of 90% of proposed aquifer exemptions (Feb. 1, 2016)
- Category 3 wells: Target for submission of 90% of proposed aquifer exemptions (Aug. 15, 2016)
- Deadline for submission to EPA of all proposed aquifer exemptions for decision by Feb. 15 2017 (Sept. 30, 2016)

C. Rulemaking and Operator Compliance Deadlines

- Initiate Emergency Rulemaking - submit proposed rule to OAL (April 9, 2015)
- Final Emergency Rule – estimated completion date (April 30, 2015)
- Initiate Permanent Rulemaking (June 1, 2015)
- Shut In Deadline for wells injecting into non-exempt aquifers with TDS levels below 3,000 mg/l (October 15, 2015)
- Final Permanent Rulemaking – estimated completion date (April 30, 2016)
- Shut In Deadline for the 11 aquifers historically treated as exempt (unless exempted by EPA pursuant to this corrective action plan) (December 31, 2016)
- Shut In Deadline for all existing wells injecting into Non-Exempt USDWs (February 15, 2017)

D. Rulemakings for Corrective Action and Class II UIC Program Improvements

Regulatory Revisions and Non-Regulatory Improvements

- Submit detailed plan for comprehensive Class II program improvements to EPA (proposed rulemaking actions and non-rulemaking steps) (June 30, 2015)
- Submit initial proposed regulatory revisions to OAL (Sept. 2016)
- Complete regulatory revisions (Fall ?? 2018)

Searchable Well Database

- Complete Feasibility Study Report (Dec. 31, 2015)
- ? Award Database contract (2016)
- Implement database (Feb 2017)

E. Communication and Outreach

- Aquifer Exemption workshop(s) (March 24, 2015; additional dates ?)
- Agencies meet monthly to review progress. Prior to each meeting DOGGR/SWRCB will provide a progress report to EPA (Feb. 2015 - Feb. 2017)